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For: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR BLOCKING HIGHLY SCATTERED  
CHARGED PARTICLES IN A PATTERNED BEAM IN A CHARGED-PARTICLE-  
BEAM MICROLITHOGRAPHY SYSTEM

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 23 pages of specification, 4 pages of claims, an abstract and a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (unsigned).
- ☒ 8 sheet(s) of drawings.
- ☒ A certified copy of a Japan Patent Application No. 2000-366846, filed December 1, 2000.

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- ☒ Applicants claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of the earlier filing date of foreign application number 2000-366846, filed on December 1, 2000.
- ☒ Assignee for this application is or will be Nikon Corporation, and applicants request that this information be listed on the published application.

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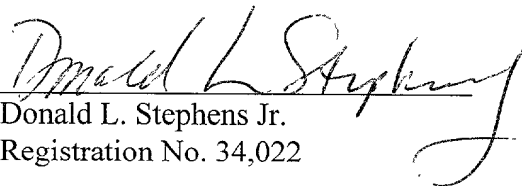
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